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ANNUAL ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST BEGINS -
FOUR SCHOOLS WILL EACH WIN \$1000

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands invites all elementary schools in the state to participate in Utah's annual Arbor Day Poster Contest. The contest and related activities teach children the importance of trees in our communities.

First place winners in four Utah regions will receive \$1,000 each for their schools. Schools may use the prize money any way they wish. Student winners receive U.S. Savings Bonds, framed certificates and other prizes. Registration deadline is February 8, 2002.

"This is a terrific way to help young people learn about the benefits of trees in our communities," explains Urban Forestry Coordinator Tony Dietz. "And at the same time we have an opportunity to help our schools because every school submitting entries will receive a coupon worth \$50 towards the purchase of a tree from their local nursery."

Winners will be awarded their prizes during annual Arbor Day celebrations to be held in several locations around the state. The grand prize poster is professionally printed and distributed statewide, and the winning fifth grade poster will be entered the National Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Registration materials are now being sent to principals and Arbor Day coordinators throughout Utah. Teachers and schools not receiving registration materials in the mail, or desiring more information, should contact the Utah Arbor Day Committee at the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands in Salt Lake City, (801) 538-5555.

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